

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2020 – HB 2015

March 10, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a municipal court for any municipality that does not have a court ordained and established by the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- This legislation is in response to the Tennessee Court of Appeals ruling in *Don R. Moses v. City of Jellico, Tennessee*, which calls into question whether municipal courts in home rule cities and cities with courts created by private acts are valid under the Tennessee Constitution.
- According to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), this legislation directly creates city courts in municipalities and negates the impact of the Court of Appeals ruling.
- Any increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant. No new courts will be created as a result of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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